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..... MICHIGAN'S LESBIAN NEWSLETTER

MSU'S MILITANT FEMINISTS

The Michigan State University Women's Council is a group that describes themselves as militant feminists and have justified the label by their actions which include disrupting the Miss East Lansing Teen of the Nation Pageant by protesting on stage before the swimsuit competition, blockading a topless bar and protesting outside the office of a male doctor in Grand Ledge who is accused of inappropriately touching a female patient.

The goal of the group is total equality for women and they believe that their activities will help society realize that women have a long way to go in the law, the workplace and in the minds of men. The women that belong to the group believe that a woman should be able to say that she is angry about the situations she has to deal with and not be labeled a radical feminist for speaking out. The MSU newspaper and local talk show hosts have called the women self-serving (as opposed to serving only men?) and man haters!!!

The group focuses on fighting pornography, believing that it is the cause of most of the violence against women. Although, the group has about 20 active members many more women show up for their carefully planned activities with 50 women attending the pageant protest and 250 women supporting their September "Take Back the Night Rally" where they blockaded the bar. The group was started in 1978 and has an office which is located on the fourth floor of the MSU student union building. --info from the *Detroit Free Press*--

---According to Michigan State Police statistics, a woman is killed every 5 days by a male partner or former partner. Seventy-five per cent of those killings occur as a relationship is ending or after it has ended. --info from *Detroit Free Press*--

---The mayor of Santa Cruz, CA, Neal Coonerty, is selling Rush Limbaugh's book, "See, I Told You So", at the same price as his bologna. Coonerty is donating the difference in his price, \$8.40, and the selling price of \$23 to the National Organization for Women and the Santa Cruz AIDS Project. Coonerty wants to make Limbaugh into a liberal fund-raiser because Limbaugh has called Santa Cruz a haven for liberals and arrogant politicians. --info from *The South Bend Tribune*--

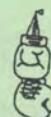


CONFRONTING SEXUAL HARASSERS

Martha J. Langelan, past president of the D.C. Rape Crisis Center and a senior economist at the U.S. Dept of Transportation, has written a book on sexual harassment called, *Back Off! How to Confront and Stop Sexual Harassment and Harassers*. She suggests these techniques:

1. Do the unexpected: Name the behavior. Whatever he's just done, say it, and be specific.
2. Hold the harasser accountable for his actions. Don't make excuses for him, don't pretend it didn't really happen. Take charge of the encounter and let people know what he did. Privacy protects harassers, but visibility undermines them.
3. Make direct, honest statements. Speak the truth (no threats, no insults, no obscenities, no appeasing verbal fluff and padding). Be serious, straightforward, and blunt.
4. Demand that the harassment stop.
5. Make it clear that *all* women have the right to be free from sexual harassment. Objecting to harassment is a matter of principal.
6. Stick to your own agenda. Don't respond to the harasser's excuses or diversionary tactics. *His* behavior is the issue. Say what *you* have to say, and repeat if he persists.
7. Reinforce your statements with strong, self-respecting body language: eye contact, head up, shoulders back, a strong, serious stance. Don't smile. Timid, submissive body language will undermine your message.
8. Respond at the appropriate level. Fine-tuning takes practice, but it's usually not necessary to blast the harasser. Use a combined verbal and physical response to physical harassment.
9. End the interaction on your own terms, with a strong closing statement: "You heard me. Stop harassing women."

Langelan feels that it is difficult to speak out you've actually heard yourself say the words. Practicing beforehand is crucial; get a group of friends together to roleplay out various scenarios you have experienced. --info from page 125 of *Back Off and off our backs*--



COMMUNITY EVENTS

VIDEO NIGHT

CLAIRE OF THE MOON

I was skeptical about this film when I heard that it began with nasty hetero activity. Well, it does begin with plain sex but then grows and grows and grows to much finer things...loving things. The climax of this film took my breath away. I wonder how it will affect you. Come to Video-Night and we'll all see if your breath is taken away, too.

It's a winter evening beginning at 7:00 p.m.. Bring snacks, drinking OK, smoke 'em outside. If you have a special cushion or pillow--feel free to bring it--BE COMFORTABLE. Popcorn will be available.

Friday, Jan. 14th.

Gloria and Julie's

Call for directions: (616)-684-4011

LESBIAN SUPPORT GROUP

Tues. 7-9 p.m.

For info, write:

LSG

P.O. Box 1281

Niles, MI 49120

Lesbian Support Group has found a new home for their meetings. Members of the present group may call the old group location for information regarding location change.

Newly interested wimin are encouraged to write to the above P.O.Box address

PAT SUMMIT'S IN TOWN!

Summit's Tennessee basketball team will play Notre Dame on Friday, January 7th at 7:30 p.m.

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A Mardi gras Ball



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3-7 p.m.

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Friday, Jan. 21st, 7:00 p.m.

Reservations due by Wed., Jan. 19th

Call Lu or Sheree for reservations: (616)-684-6365

SUNDAY BRUNCH

Lydick Smorgasbord

26444 W. Edison Rd., South Bend

Three miles west of Mayflower

Sun., Jan. 9th, 9:30 a.m.

Call Kaye or Marcia for info.



Place: Milton Township Community Hall,
Niles, MI

Date: January 15, 1994

Time: 8:00 p.m. to 12:00 a.m.

Admission: \$5.00 at the Door ONLY

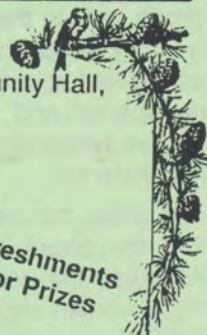
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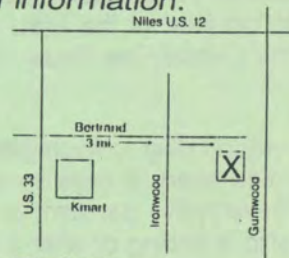
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OTHER EVENTS?

If there are other events that you would like to see on this page please send the information to the *Open Arms* mailbox or call one of the staff members with the information by the 10th of the month.

DIRECTORY AVAILABLE

A directory of the lesbian/gay groups in the Michiana area has been compiled by the NOW Lesbian committee and information from the directory is available by calling an *OPEN ARMS* STAFF MEMBER.

During Michigan's sesquicentennial, Harriet Arnowitz was awarded a "Michigan 150 First Lady Award" for her activism in local politics and civic issues. She was the founder of the local friends of the library in Oak Park, worked for an organization that helped immigrants adjust to the United States, helped get the non-discrimination ordinance protecting lesbians and gays passed in Oak Park and was active in promoting healing between the races after the riots in Detroit in 1967. Ms. Arnowitz died in June and the Michigan House of Representatives passed a memorial resolution in her honor. The resolution called her "a longtime civil rights and gay rights activist". Almost one-third of the original sponsors demanded reconsideration of the resolution six days later so that they could have their names removed. Seems they did not want to be seen as voting for something that had the words "lesbian or gay rights" in it. It's a continuation of the same logic of denial that led Emily Dickinson's editors to copy entire stanzas of her poetry where the love object was female rather than male, and to change pronouns from she to he. It reminded the writer, David Kimball, of the Nazi's choosing a gay/lesbian research journal for their first public book burning. --info from *The Lansing State Journal*.

BOOK REVIEW: *Venus Envy* by Rita Mae Brown, 1993 Bantam Books

Available at the St. Joseph County Public Library

Frazier Armstrong, on her death bed, writes letters to her closest friends and family in which she tells people what she thinks of them as well as comes out as a lesbian. *Venus Envy* tells of the aftermath of these disclosures as she recovers from her illness and goes on with her life. Her mother is furious. Her brother is relieved that his perfect sister is flawed. Her father resolves to change his own life. Her friends dump her. Her ex-lover charges across the country club lawn in her misbegotten attempts to rid The Lesbian from her life. Funny and fun, I liked this quick read from our beloved Ms. Brown, author of the classic *Rubyfruit Jungle*, the hilarious *In Her Day* and *Six of One*, and the new mystery series by Sneaky Pie Brown, her cat. Enjoy. -Patti Myers

FRIENDLY CHURCH

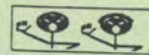
Several community members have told us that the South Side Christian Church at 1329 E. Jackson Road, South Bend is very accepting of and friendly to lesbians and gays. Several couples and singles attend frequently and report that the pastor, Jackie Foster, makes it clear individually and in her sermons that she views homophobia in the same light as racism or anti-Semitism and that it has no place in this congregation. Anniversaries of lesbians and gays are announced in the church bulletin along with those of heterosexuals.

God is not addressed as "he" or "she" in the services. Bible readings are modified to use all-inclusive pronouns and the congregation is encouraged to sing "everyone" rather than "man" or "he" in the hymns.

There is a fellowship hour after the service and everyone is very friendly and welcoming to same-sex couples. If this sounds interesting to you, why not check it out?



WARRIOR MARKS



Author Alice Walker and filmmaker Pratibha Parmar have worked together to produce a documentary film, *Warrior Marks: Female Genital Mutilation and the Sexual Blinding of Women* and a book titled, *Warrior Marks*. The film is being distributed by Women Make Movies and was scheduled to be released to theaters and educational markets in December. Proceeds from *Warrior Marks* will benefit women's groups, African American groups, and international organizations and individuals who are working against female genital mutilation.

Female genital mutilation involves the removal of part of a woman's genitalia with the amount of removal depending upon cultural tradition. Female circumcision is the removal of the clitoral hood. Excision is the removal of the clitoris itself. Infibulation is the removal of the clitoris, the scraping off of the lips of both the inner and outer labia, and the stitching shut of the remaining genital opening so that only urine and menstrual flow can pass through. It is estimated that this "tradition" is forced upon 100,000 women and girl children worldwide every year principally in parts of Africa, the Middle East, Asia and in African communities in Western countries like Holland, Britain and the United States.

The film includes actual footage of a "coming out" ceremony for a group of girls who have been circumcised and/or excised two weeks earlier. The ceremony is supposed to be an initiation into adulthood for the girls, the youngest is four years old. The girls have difficulty walking and the film shows them shuffling along slowly as they go through the rituals and Alice Walker interviews the mother of the youngest girl. At first, the mother says it is a wonderful day because it is a tradition that has been done since the days of her grandparents. But when Walker asks the woman if her daughter will feel betrayed just as she felt betrayed by her mother, the woman replies that she would stop it if she had the power.

The authors did not want the film or the book to be a condemnation of Africans and pointed out that in the enlightened West "genital mutilation" has spread over the entire female body with women changing their breast size, their noses, and their weight and shape by deliberate starvation. They point out that all female mutilation is about shaping a woman into some image that men think they want and should have.

Contact organizations: FORWARD International, Africa Centre, 38 King Street, London WC2E *JT, UNITED KINGDOM or IAC (Inter-African Committee on Traditional Practices Affecting the Health of Women and Children), 147 Rue de Lausanne, CH-1202, Geneva, SWITZERLAND --info from *off our backs*--



LESBIAN/GAY HOME VIDEO CATALOGUE

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DOGS AND COLD WEATHER

Open Arms asked Jane and Lisa, two women we know that love dogs and have a lot of dog-knowledge, how to safeguard them during the cold weather. Both women said dogs should not be kept outside in Michiana winters.

Lisa said she would never approve of keeping a dog outside unless the situation was such that the dog either had to stay outside or be killed. However, she said, the reality is that if a dog stays out in the winter, it may end up dead. Most dogs do not have a warm enough coat to withstand cold weather--certainly short-haired breeds do not and even German Shepherds won't make it. She says that if you would be cold after being outside with a coat on, so will your dog. Most dog's coats are not as insulated as our winter coats. To experience what a dog's feet feel like outside, go out with just slipper socks on. A dog will not stand and cry or whimper even if it is in pain from the cold, so don't think your dog is okay outside because she is not crying.

Jane says that although dogs should not be kept outside, she knows that some people will keep outdoor dogs and that some will keep their dog outside during the day and let her in at night in the belief that they are being kind. She says just the opposite is true. Doing this prevents the dog from developing the warmest coat possible for its breed and will leave the dog susceptible to colds and pneumonia. Although she hates to say it, if you are going to keep your dog outdoors, leave her out all the time.

 Both Jane and Lisa say that an outdoor dog needs fresh water (not snow!), kept free of ice, changed every day, extra food (more calories are needed to deal with the cold), shelter from the wind and warm bedding. Straw is much preferable to blankets or any fabric since fabric will absorb moisture and keep the dog wet and cold. Jane says not to put a coat on an outside dog; it mats the hair down and matted hair won't keep the dog warm.

Lisa gives advice for dealing with a dog in shock from the cold. If the dog is already wet, put her in a tub of warm water and then dry her briskly with a warm towel. If she is not wet, warm her with a hair dryer or towels warmed in the dryer. A dog's rectal temperature should not be lower than 96



degrees; continue warming until the temperature reaches 100 degrees rectally and then get the dog to a vet. If the dog is comatose this may be from low blood sugar caused by exposure to the cold; put honey or sugar water on the dog's tongue and get emergency medical treatment immediately.

Both Jane and Lisa say your pet who lives in the house should be taken for shorter walks or let out in the yard for only 5-10 minutes at a time in the winter. Sweaters or coats are okay and are especially helpful if the dog is like a greyhound and does not have much body fat. Jane says the most important thing to do after walking a dog on sidewalks (or anywhere people may have put salt) is to wash your dog's paws when you come inside. If left on a dog's paws the salt will get between the toes and irritate the skin and, when licked off, may make your pet sick.

Notre Dame Women's Home Basketball Games

Jan. 7	Fri.	Tennessee	7:30 p.m.
Jan. 11	Tues.	DePaul	7:30 p.m.
Jan. 20	Thurs.	Evansville	7:30 p.m.
Jan. 22	Sat	Butler	7:30 p.m.
Jan. 27	Thurs.	Xavier	7:30 p.m.
Jan. 29	Sat	Detroit Mercy	7:30 p.m.
Feb. 18	Fri.	La Salle	7:30 p.m.
Mar. 3	Thurs.	Loyola	7:30 p.m.



WOMYN SPORTS NEWS

A 1992 gender-equity study by the NCAA found that Division I men's coaches made an average salary of \$71,571, which was approximately 55% higher than what women coaches made. A law suit against Howard University by Sonya Tyler, women's basketball coach there since 1980, resulted in an award of 1.1 million dollars under Title IX equity law. As a result, NCAA Universities are beginning to comply for the first time in 21 years since Title IX became law. For example, Vivian Stringer, Iowa Hawkeyes, signed a 5 year contract for \$117,872 a year. Nancy Darsch, Ohio State, just got a 37% bonus after she took the Buckeyes to their 1st Final Four. Pat Summitt, who has led her Tennessee Lady Vols to more Championships than Bobby Knight, signed a 5 year contract paying her \$130,000 a year (up from \$70,000). Debbie Ryan, coach at Virginia, got a \$36,000 raise to \$106,000, which is the same as the men's coach there receives. The highest paid women's coach, Tara Van Derveer of Stanford, and is scheduled for a \$20,000 increase this year to make her equal with the men's coach. Leon Barmore at LA Tech makes \$6,500 more than the men's coach there makes, which is a rare exception.



Media attention to women's basketball has increased, but there is still a need for more. ESPN says it makes its program decisions on numerous factors, but viewer interest is the most important. I would encourage all of you to take a few minutes and jot a note to ESPN. All it need say is something like: Thank you for your coverage of women's sports and I would like to see more. Send your letters to Steven Borenstein, Pres.; ESPN, Inc.; ESPN Plaza; Bristol, CT 06010-9454.

--Info from FANS OF WOMEN SPORTS, Austin, Texas.



LADY IRISH SPORTS DOINGS



The volleyball team presented plenty of excitement this year. They made it to the final 8 of the NCAA Division I Women's Volleyball Championships before being beat by Penn State. They ended their season with a 26-6 record and beat 5 of the top 10 teams during the season. If you're not a regular volleyball fan, mark it on your calendar next September to get a schedule and attend. You will discover how exciting it can be. Their soccer team was ranked in the top five in the nation and also did well making it NCAA Finals.

The basketball team has started its pre season play and the team shows lots of promise. Muffit has recruited some real athletes instead of pony tails. I challenge all of you to come out and watch a game and get hooked. The only way we'll get more tournament conferences here is to increase the attendance.

Can You Answer This: *a nin is a nun who is NOT OUT *

What is the title of the 1985 book about a Lesbian nin in Renaissance Italy?

Name the Lesbian who, in 1879, identified herself in a inscription found in a time capsule opened in 1979.

NEWS NOTES

---Judith Rodin, the provost of Yale University, was nominated to be the president of the University of Pennsylvania becoming the first woman to head an Ivy League university.

---Sharon Bottoms has appealed the judges decision to give custody of her son to her mother. The American Psychological Association filed brief in the suit saying that a parents sexual orientation should not be the sole or primary factor in deciding any aspect of parental rights.--info from USA TODAY--

---A Cincinnati federal judge blocked the voter approved amendment to the city charter that would have removed protection for homosexuals in discrimination cases in housing and employment.

---The Amazon River was named after the "Great Women" or Women Who Lived Alone" [dykes], whom the local tribes feared and worshipped.

---Money is being raised for a monument to Eleanor Roosevelt, the monument will be made by sculptor Penelope Jencks and will be placed in Riverside Park in New York City. Contributions can be made to: Eleanor Roosevelt Monument Fund, 5 Riverside Drive/#17-A, New York, NY 10023.

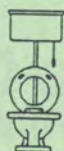
---A woman in Clinton Township, MI took her ex-husband to court over her daughters last name. The woman wanted to use her maiden name for her daughter since her son had her ex-husband's last name and the couple were divorced before the daughter was born. The Michigan Court of Appeals ruled that Michigan law does not require a child to have the father's name or even the parents' married name. The Appeals court sent the case back to the county court and ordered the judge to decide which name is in the child's best interest. --info from the *Detroit Free Press*--

---Dell Computer Corporation of Austin, TX is one of the few computer companies that does not have a same sex benefits package for employees. The Williamson County commission that initially refused to give Apple Computer a \$750,000 tax abatement, voted in favor of giving Dell Computer Corp. a similar tax deal. --info from USA TODAY--

---Joseph Scheidler, Pro-Life Action League president, commenting on the NOW Supreme Court case using the RICO law, said if NOW wins the case, "it would have a chilling effect on all protest groups--including gay rights groups and other people I wouldn't shake hands with." --USA TODAY--

---Someone left the lid up on a \$30 million space toilet...

Even in space,
Women found
Men won't put
The toilet seat down.



Joyce McWilliams, from *off our backs*

MISSION STATEMENT

Open Arms exists to disseminate diverse information of interest to the Michiana lesbian community.

PLEASE TYPE SUBMISSIONS IF POSSIBLE

If it is possible for you to type your submissions on a letter quality typewriter or printer, please do so using a 55 space line. This will make layout much easier. Thanks.

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OPEN ARMS DEADLINE/MEETING

The deadline for submissions for the February *Open Arms* is January 10th. Submissions can be mailed to Open Arms, P.O. Box 845, Mishawaka, IN 46546 or given to Mary, Sheree or Kaye. Submissions received after January 10th may not be published in the February newsletter.

Newsletter meeting: Sunday, January 16th, at Kaye and Marcia's, 6:30 p.m. Call 271-0338 for directions.

EVENTS COORDINATORS

3rd Friday Out: Lu & Sheree (616) 684-6365
Wimin's Video Night: Gloria & Julie (616) 684-4011
Game Night: Sheree (616) 684-6365
Sunday Brunch: Kaye & Marcia (219) 271-0338

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We may edit any article submitted for length or content. We ask that all articles submitted be signed and typed, but will respect the wishes of the author by not printing her name if so requested.



OPEN ARMS FINANCES

The following is the financial accounting for the past year:

Beginning Balance 12/15/92 \$ 153.00

Income:

Subscriptions	\$935.00	
Donations	19.00	
Advertising	13.00	967.00
		\$1200.00

Less Expenses:

Stamps	412.67	
Supplies (paper, envelopes, etc.)	108.52	
Copying (1 month)	37.50	
Bank service charge	22.00	
Charge for checks	12.00	
P.O. Box fee	35.00	
Graphics disc	34.00	
Donations	76.30	737.99

Ending Balance 12/15/93 \$ 382.01



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SIMPLE PLUMBING



Open Arms knows we have wimmin in our community with a variety of talents. We have decided to contact some of you as time and energy permit and see if you are willing to share some of this knowledge with the community. Our first attempt in this area met with success when Celia, a womyn we know to have a multitude of talents involving home improvement and maintenance, agreed to talk to us about simple plumbing repairs.

Celia says there are many good reference books available. She uses the Reader's Digest Fix It Yourself Manual she got at a flea market years ago. A leaky faucet is the most common plumbing problem. The info that follows is for the standard type of separate hot and cold faucet fixtures. The situation would be different for the fixtures that combine hot and cold in one faucet.

If your faucet leaks, the first thing to do is to change the washer. If it still leaks, you need to change the washer seat. Since this is such a common cause of trouble, Celia recommends changing the washer and the seat at the same time so that you do not have to take the whole thing apart and put it together twice.

You start any plumbing job by turning off the water to the area involved. You may have to turn off knobs on both the hot and cold water lines under the sink. Turn them in a clockwise direction to turn them off. If there is no turn off knob under the sink, turn off the main water valve. You will find this in the basement near the water meter. It will look like a knob to an outdoor faucet and you turn it clockwise to turn it off.

Once you have the water to the area turned off, you will need to use a screwdriver to pop off the cap on top of the faucet (be sure to protect any faucet surfaces from marring by screwdriver or wrench by covering them with masking tape) and then take out the screw that holds the faucet handle on. Use a wrench to take off the nut under the handle (select the correct size wrench or, if using an adjustable wrench, make sure it is tight to avoid woman injury or rounding off the nut) and then screw out the stem (the next thing under the nut). The washer is right under the stem and it should be replaced if it looks at all worn. Washers cost about \$0.25 but size is important so take the old one to the hardware store with you so you are sure you have the right size.

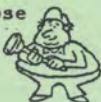
Removing the seat requires a special seat-puller tool. This fits down over the seat and you can then screw the seat out. Perhaps you can borrow this tool, but even if you have to invest in a new one, it will last for years and save you many times its cost in plumbing bills. New seats cost \$1-\$2 and Celia recommends taking the old one along to the hardware store with you so that you are sure you have a perfect fit.

It is possible to buy a seat-smoother tool that lets you remove the raw edges in an attempt to salvage the old seat, but Celia does not consider this cost-effective since the tool is expensive and you may have to end up buying a new seat anyway.

When you have your new seat and washer, just reverse the process of dismantling. When you screw in the new seat, however, do not overtighten; just make it snug. The seat is made of a soft metal and can be damaged by tightening it down too hard.

When you put the nut back on, put some joint compound or thread seal tape around the threads so that water will not leak through. Celia says thread seal tape is relatively new on the market and costs a bit more than joint compound but is much easier to use.

Replacing a worn washer and seat yourself will cost less than \$5. A plumber would have charged around \$50 for the job--and by doing it yourself you have eliminated the need to have a (probably) male plumber in your home. (Does anyone know of a woman plumber for those jobs that are not do-it-yourself?)



SPORTS HOMOPHOBIA VIA VIDEO

Dee Mosbacher, M.D., Ph.D., is seeking financial support for a video on the subject of homophobia in women's sports. According to the prospectus, "Homophobia is one of the greatest obstacles currently facing all American women athletes. Fear and/or hatred of lesbians is exacerbated in sports by inaccurate and superstitious perceptions of gay athletes by men and women who own and manage teams, chair athletic departments or report on sports competition for mainstream media."

For more information, Contact Dr. Mosbacher at Woman Vision Production Co., 3570 Clay Street, San Francisco, CA. Contributions to the project are tax deductible and can be mailed to the above address.

--Info from FAMS OF WOMEN SPORTS, Austin, Texas.



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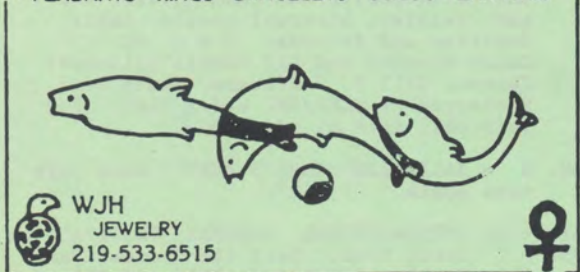
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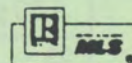
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AA Elkhart 7 p.m. every Sunday		Support Group 7 p.m.				1 M	
2	3	4	5 NOW mtg. YWCA 7:30 p.m.	6	7 Tennessee vs Notre Dame	8	
9 Sunday Brunch	10	11	12	13	14 Video Night Niles 7 p.m.	15 Dance Niles 8pm-1am	
16 Open Arms Mtg. 6:30 p.m.	17 MARTIN LUTHER KING DAY	18	19 Reservations due for 3rd Friday Out	20	21 3RD Friday Out	22	
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INFO ON VALPO SUPPORT GROUP NEEDED

Two years ago a group of lesbians in Valparaiso notified Open Arms that they were going to have monthly meetings. We do not know if you, or another group, is still meeting but we recently were contacted on behalf of someone in your area who is in the process of coming out and wants to meet with other womyn. She does not have transportation to get to the South Bend-Niles area.

If you have information that would be helpful to this womyn, please send it to the O.A. post office box address and we will see that it gets to the appropriate person.

PLAN AHEAD

OTHER COMING EVENTS

JAN. 22 - DOS FALLOPIA & JoANN LOULAN
Madam Walker Theatre in Indianapolis.
Call (317) 637-2906 for ticket info.

JAN. 23 - LIGHT AND PEACE - an evening of
Christian prayer and thanksgiving for
gay, lesbian, bisexual people, their
families and friends. 5 p.m. at
Saint Michael and All Angels Episcopal
Church, 2117 S. Jefferson, South Bend.
Sponsored by GLND/SMC and P-FLAG. For
info call Erik at 634-3107.

MAR. 5 - KALAMAZOO WOMEN'S FEST - More info
next month.

MAY 19-22 INTERNATIONAL GODDESS FESTIVAL in
1994 Santa Cruz. Call the Goddess Fax/
Hotline for info: (510) 444-7724.
\$300 if tickets paid for in 1993.
\$400 if tickets bought in 1994.

JUNE 26 - MARCH ON THE UNITED NATIONS in
1994 New York City to affirm human
rights of lesbians and gays.
More info later.

Same Time Every Month

1st Wednesday - NOW Meeting, 7:30 p.m., YWCA,
802 N. Lafayette, South Bend. Call
288-7123 for info.

4th Sunday - P-FLAG Meeting 2-4 p.m., Christ
the King Lutheran Church, 17195
Cleveland Rd., South Bend. Call
Nancy at 277-2684 for more info.